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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM POST REPORTS SYRIA TO REJECT UNDOF RENEWAL

1. FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF ARTICLE BY ANAN SAFADI ON FRONT PAGE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE JERUSALEM POST MARCH 3. SAFADI CITES "RELIABLE WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE" AS REVEALING THAT SYRIA HAS DECIDED NOT TO RENEW UNDOF MANDATE AT END OF MAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: SYRIA HAS DECIDED NOT TO RENEW THE MANDATE OF THE UN FORCES IN THE GOLAN AT THE END OF MAY UNLESS THERE IS A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN THE MIDDLE EAST, A RELIABLE WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE TOLD THE JERUSALEM POST YESTERDAY.

3. BY A "MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH" THE SYRIANS MEAN A NEW SUBSTANTIAL ISRAELI PULLBACK IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND
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A SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL IN THE WEST BANK, OR A
PLEDGE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE PRE-1967 WAR

BORDERS AS WELL AS RECOGNITION OF THE "RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS TO A HOMELAND," THE SOURCE STATED.

4. HE SAID THE SYRIANS REITERATED THEY WILL NOT CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL IN ANY FORUM, INCLUDING GENEVA--UNLESS ISRAEL UNDERTOOK TO RETURN TO THE 1967 LINES. THE SOURCES (SIC) QUOTED ONE HIGH-RANKING SYRIAN OFFICIAL AS SAYING, "THE BALL IS IN ISRAEL'S COURT."...

5. THE SYRIAN ATTITUDE WAS REPORTED TO BE THE RESULT OF PRESSURE BY SYRIAN EXTREMIST ELEMENTS ON PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD NOT TO EXTEND THE UN MANDATE ON THE GOLAN WHEN IT EXPIRES ON MAY 30.

6. THE POST'S INFORMANT SAID THAT THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT SYRIA WILL RESORT TO WAR BY THAT DATE. HE NOTED THAT "SYRIA WILL NOT GO TO WAR WITHOUT EGYPT, AS MUCH AS EGYPT WILL NOT MAKE PEACE WITHOUT SYRIA"...

7. BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT SYRIAN EXTREMISTS WERE BANKING ON THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED ALIGNMENT BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND AMMAN AND EXPECTING JORDAN--WITH THE SUPPORT OF SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ--TO SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR EGYPT IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES...
END TEXT.

8. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE POST IS THE ONLY ISRAELI NEWSPAPER TO CARRY THE ABOVE STORY; HEBREW-LANGUAGE PRESS, ON CONTRARY, HIGHLIGHTS ASAD STATEMENT ON ITALIAN TELEVISION TO EFFECT THAT THERE IS STILL TIME TO DECIDE ON UNDOF QUESTION.
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